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Subject: Approval of Amended Notice of Intention, Cotter Corporation, Papoose Mine, M/037/0084, San Juan County, Utah

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining has received the revised reclamation surety for the Papoose Mine and a complete copy of the Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations (NOI). The Division now permits you to begin mining operations as outlined in the NOI provided you have approval from all other appropriate agencies. The permitted disturbed area is 81 acres. The surety will be reviewed periodically to ensure that it remains adequate.

The amendment contains a discussion in the variance section concerning salvaging soil and establishing vegetation, but the Division has not found that a variance is needed. The operation practices section of the rules contains the following requirement: "Suitable soil material shall be removed and stored in a stable condition where practical so as to be available for reclamation" (R647-4-107.5). Although soil material is limited, the plan still contains commitments to salvage available material. No revegetation variance is proposed.

Enclosed are copies of the signed and executed reclamation contract and surety bond forms for your files. Also enclosed is a copy of the approved NOI for your files. Please keep your plan current by submitting changes using Form MR-REV-att, which is located on the web at [www.dogm.utah.gov](http://www.dogm.utah.gov).

All future correspondence should reference M/037/0084. Thank you for your help and patience in finalizing this permitting action. Please call Tom Munson at 801-538-5321 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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